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- 25X1X 1. Nimah Tabit, former acting chief of the S.P.P. (al-Hizb al-Qawmi), is reported to have stated that Antun Sa'dah, present chief of the party, is favorable to the projected Greater Syria plan of King Abdallah of Trans-Jordan. Despite Abdallah's reactionary, sectarian tendencies, the Führer (Sa'dah) believes that the benefits resulting from unification would outweigh the disadvantages.
2. Sa'dah is said to have been in touch with Amman, Trans-Jordan through several different people.
- His earliest contact was established when Shakib Wahhab, Greater Syria propagandist and leader of several hundred Druze troops, came to see him on behalf of Abdallah.
  - Next, Na'if Qawar made a similar trip from Amman to Shwayr (a short distance NE of Beirut).
  - Toward the end of May "al-Shanqiti", the Mufti of Trans-Jordan, called on Sa'dah.
3. Tabit believes that Sa'dah, who is anxious to know the present British attitude toward Greater Syria, was originally won over to Abdallah's scheme by the British during his stay in Cairo. Tabit is reportedly worried because Sa'dah talks in terms of a Hashimite State which would include the whole Fertile Crescent. Tabit maintains that if the Führer persists in a policy of cooperating with Abdallah, several of the older, more experienced members of the S.P.P. will have nothing to do with Sa'dah.
- Washington Comment: A report from another source indicated that Nimah Tabit had split from the S.P.P., forming a new party, the Lebanese National Party, which had received the official sanction of Kamil Sham'un, Lebanese Minister of the Interior.
4. Akram Gilani, Abdallah's leading agent provocateur in Syria, has presumably interviewed Sa'dah on the subject of Greater Syria. Gilani thinks that although the Führer supports the plan, he would not favor the continuation of the treaty /interpreted to mean the 22 March 1946 Treaty of Independence/ between Abdallah and Great Britain.

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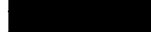

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 Comment: It is possible that Gilani's conclusions may be colored by his own attitude as expressed in  distributed 8 July 1947.

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